



# **Hector De La Torre**

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### **De La Torre Statement Regarding Passage of Legislation to Curb Rescissions from Health Insurance Companies**

**Los Angeles, CA** – This weekend, both the Senate and the Assembly approved Assembly Bill 1945 authored by Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (D - South Gate) with bipartisan support. Assembly Bill 1945 limits health insurance companies from dropping patients by requiring a substantive underwriting and an independent review prior to rescinding health coverage.

“Consumers will be protected: they will continue to receive care and treatment while their rescission is reviewed. When illness occurs, patients should be concerned with fighting for their health, not with fighting for their coverage.”

On August 31, 2008, the Senate approved the measure by a vote of 22 to 14. Later the Assembly approved the measure with a bipartisan vote of 55 to 17.